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Annex

Statement issued on 5 March 1999 by the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea, Haile Weldensae, today held discussions with a delegation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), representing the high-level delegation mediating the Eritrean-Ethiopian conflict.

The Eritrean Minister for Foreign Affairs informed the delegation that Eritrea:

(a) Reaffirms its acceptance of the OAU framework agreement endorsed by the Central Organ. This acceptance was communicated to the current Chairman of OAU on 27 February 1999;

(b) Had always called for and is now committed to an immediate ceasefire and cessation of hostilities;

(c) Has already established a high-level body fully mandated to initiate and finalize the implementation of the provisions of the framework agreement.

The OAU delegation expressed its satisfaction with the clarification made by the Eritrean Minister for Foreign Affairs.
